

Corres pondence Column

Dear Editor,—I got promoted and in an oo John Marshail IIIgh School now. I blet t more and more. It's so different from the grammar schools. Please excuse me I have to continue so many of my stories seekans I can't write a short story I'veled, but before I finish it's as long as the there. I can't draw with ink, but I leve o make charceal sketches. Have you read the "Lady of the Decoration". It's fine. I opp you and all the members received lot of valentines. Sincerely,

ALICE H. WASHER.

2005 Williamsburg Avenue, City.











ELIZABETH I. WATKINS THE YELLOW PLAG.

Ben Faris and Tom Hunter were very good friends, and were always together during play hours, and of all their sports, they liked to play "station." They each had a little red cart, and called it a train. Tom was the engine, and pulled the train, while Ben was the flagman and stood at the stations to flag the train whenever a passenger wanted to get on.

What fun they did have, and how that train clid go, rattling and rushing down the aldewalk, the engine puffing, blowing, and letting off steam. At the children of the neighborhood were passengers, and sometimes took turns acting engine. They all paid plass for fares, and Tom and Ben took them to their mothers.

One morning as they sat down at the table, Johny, the colored servant, came in looking seased, "There's smallpox at Judge Brady's," he said, "They've got out a yellow flag." Ben's mother said, "If that is so we must pack up and go away."

Ben laughed.

You needn't pack up yet, mamma enter of cole, who has won at London and lots of other places. Please send me a block, you have now member.

Cartersville, Va. MARTHA SNEAD.

The Moth and the Butterfly.

Dear Editor.—I am sending a ploture which the wings. His rhell was found in the park on New Year's Day That's one sixn you have not extend and in the grade of the said. The side will be sending and I'll be gird eleven yet and go a dark, it is so we must pack up and go away."

Ben laughed.

You needn't pack up yet, mamma every cold here all this the wings. His rhell was found in the park on New Year's Day That's one sixn you have not extend and in the grade of the place. Fours truly, HAROLD VINYENT.

Goes to Ridge High School.

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A New Petersburg Member.

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the said. "That's our station flag out there. I made it from a piece of yel-low flannel I found in the bundle drawer. We forgot to take it in last it wht." Everybody laughed then, and Ren

Everybody laughed then, and Ren went out and got the fag. But all that day Judge Brady was kept busy felling people that no one was sick with smallpox at his house.

MARY Medaniel.

In the land that St. Nichelas Ruows.

with smallpox at his house.

MARY McDANIEL.

THE CHRISTMAS DOLL.

Fac comes, she comes from a far off land.

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There lived in a small cottage on a distant atreet a widow and her four children. Her only means of support the for. The children were too small to work and that made it harder for her. That Bania Claus knows so well, in hopes of some little mother to hear. The tales that she loves to tell.

For her eyes can speak though her tongue cannot.

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And her heart is as loying and true.
As yours, little girl, and she's longing

I'm sure.

To bestow all its wealth on you.

And sent them provisions.

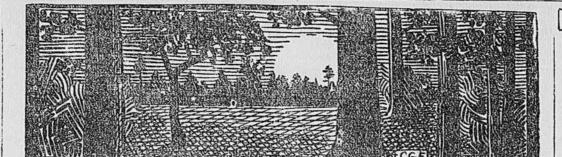
After the weather was a little warmer the children were prepared taken to an orphange, until their mother could work and save chough

So cuddle her down in your arms, my dear,

for her wee heart overflows.

Ein has left her kith and her kin for She has left her kith and her kin for

Composed by SALLE P. KIDD. Guarantee, Va.



Editorial And Literary Department

Agrees With Editor.

Dear Editor.—You don't know how pleased and surprised I was when I saw my pleture in the place of honor on the page. I was surprised, too, to see my stors. "Reforming Blaks," in print, as I don't fremember sending it. I thought sure I turned it up, but, of course, I must have made a mistide. Welcome back to the club, John Sheffield, and William, too, when he writes. I read your interesting letter with much pleasure and agree with you that It's not what one's mother or father gives them, but their tones and actions that count when you have won honor of any leind. I think we had a fine page to-day. Editor, if my story, "Way O' the World" was good enough will you please print it! I from, it'll have to make the best of it and send another. It is real cold here now. Teo cold for me, as I don't like winter at ail. I have finished reading "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," and it is fine. I have begun reading "Mary Ware in Texas." Well, good-by until next time. Your old member,

Editorial And Literary Department

March 1996, 1 So South Jefferons Street, Petersburg, Va.

Where Is Louise Walker?

Dear Editor.—I have not written to you for some time. I have read the page every funday for a long time. What has become the dear the page every funday for a long time. What has become the control of the free weeks. The weather is very found here, and we all like to stay close to the dre. My lessons are getting hard, and I have to study hard to keep up with the provided here, and we all like to stay close to the dre. My lessons are getting hard, and I have to study hard to keep up with the provided here, and we all like to stay close to the dre. My lessons are getting hard, and I have to study hard to keep up with the provided here, and we all like to stay close to the dre. My lessons are getting hard, and I have to study hard to keep up with the provided here. And the lower have to study hard to keep up with the lovely book, and it is just what I have always warsed. The neone and picture.

Dear Editor.—I was just delighted with the lovely book, and it is just what I have always warsed. The neone and picture is to see them in the paper. The drawing the an illustration for the poem. Thanking you again, I am truly. MILDRED RIBILE.

Petersburg. Va.

Hiding and Driving Shetlands.

Doar Editor.—I wish to become one of the members of your club, and hone you will refer here as a long to the see the draw and hout the choffered here and about the choffered here and about the choffered here and about the choffered here, and in a few lessons our ponies over harg and we teach them to tell us "howly." We spend nearly our *hold vacation breaking and playing with them in summer the pasture. We jump on their because here are they were the composite of the many in our arms and carry them all argue provided and ride and the patch, and the patch, and the patch and the patch. And the patch are the patch and the

Nelson is Charles's very hest friend, and he lives there also. William Baker, the dude, lives in Now York, and his father is a very prominent tawer. The boys do not like him very much because of his silly ways, bee Kins, the catcher and eaptain of the team, lives in Clarenceville. He is another good friend of Charles, Chuick Singmons, sometimes called James, loves to eat and is very fat. He came from the can distributed at this play.

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Guarantee Street, Petersburg, Va.

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MARTIA SARAD,

WYRGINA.

The first permanent settlement made in America by the English was made in Vieginia at Jamestown in 1607. From Jamestown the people moved to all parts of the country.

Washingten was born in Virginia in 1732, in Westmorelind county. Washington was the General in the Revolution and was first President. Jefferson, the writer of the Declaration of independence, was born in Virginia. Richmond is the capital of the State f Virginia.

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Puzzle Department

Animal Puzzle. BA WOO! Ger MON A Kapu 3

HELEN BROADRUP.

Ther Lorraine, Va.

Answers to "States in Figures," by

E. Lewis; Alabama Virginia

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8. Wisconsin.
9. Oregon.
10. Vermont.
Answered by
MARIAN MOTLEY.
Upper Zion, Caroline Co., Va.

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1. "The Rail-Splitter," Lincoln.
2. "Marse Robert," R. E. Lee.
2. "The Pacificator," Henry Clay.
4. "Rough and Rendy," Taylor,
Frather of His Country," George Washington,
6. "The Old Swamp Fox," Marion,
7. "Poor Richard," Beni, Franklin,
Yours truly,
CHARLES HAMMIT,
Salem, Va.

Answer to Helen E. Lewis's puzzle:
Alabama.
Virginia.
North Carolina.
South Carolina.
Florida.
Georgia.
Oregon.
Vermont.
Richmond, Va.

G. VAN HORN.

Jumbled States. Thorn Takoda. Tahu. Waol. Sent by HELEN GEORGE.



CATHERINE HERRING. \











Charles Dickens was born at Portsmouth, Lincolnshire, England, February 7, 1812. His father was a poor man and spent some time in a debtor's prison; and later, when Charles became a great writer, his descriptions of people in the lower walks of life were admired and praised a great deal.

Dickens began life as a bootblack, but he was an ambitious boy, and after securing some education he succeeded in getting a position as reporter for one of the London papers, and later he was given a position as reporter for the London Times. Later he became editor of one of the leading London newspapers.

Dickens visited the United State twice. The first thus his impressions of the American recopie must not have been very good, for when they were published they made the Americans very indigmant.

But the second time that he visited the United States he was greeted with great enthusiesm by the people, and in the next edition of the "notes" of his first trip there was a note apologizing for their severity.

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It was here in a little Swiss chalet, given to him by a French friend, that Dickens wrete many of his most famous books, among which are "Great Expectations," "A Tale of Two Cities," "Nicholas Nickleby," "David Copperfield," "The Old Curiosity Shop," and "Cricket on the Itearth,"

Dickens died June 17, 1870, and in spite of his wish, that he should be buried in an unostentatious manner, he was given a place with the Great, in Westminster Abbey.

RUFUS HOLT.

V. S. D. B.

Staunton, Va. LEE AND HIS DOG.

Once there was a boy named Lea. He lived in a big house with his mother. His father was dead. One day he was playing with his dog and he happened to fall asleep, and when he awoke he found himself in a new house and his mother was gone. He hegan to cry. He heard his mother call Lee! What is the matter? I thought that you had left me. Ohno: I was cooking supper. So Lee went out to see the new bacqyard, He played with the boys around there. So Lee always liked the new house best of all.

VIRGINIA ELAM _